SMOKING OUT THE GENUS GOOFER

TECHNOLOGY has no stadium nor is it equipped with an organ or band or any student body may be brought together. For these reasons there are very few occasions when even a majority of our undergraduates can get together at a time when there is a chance of witnessing any thrilling event. The ALL-TECHNOLOGY SMOKER occurs only once during each year and the beginning of fall is the best time for undergraduate boys of any sort to get together.

The committee in charge of the Smoker was especially fortunate in getting the Fox Case Corporation to bring their Movioween apparatus to Cambridge and install it in Walker Library, where the first and the best part of the institution has its undergraduate activities recorded in talking pictures. It is believed that those who were fortunate enough to see and hear these films at the Technology Alumni Convention last June saw the performance that was one of the most tremendous events that have ever witnessed. In addition to getting the Movioween the committee has made other efforts toward making the all-technology Smoker a success and entertainment in abundance.

The fact that a man does not smoke is no excuse why he should stay away. Unless he is laboring under the effects of asthma or is possessed of a lung permeated with mustard gas from the War, he ought to be ready enough to breath and choke in an atmosphere once a year anyway—especially considering that an experience in its self is excellent training for any lodge or club meetings which every successful student must attend.

Let's be there tonight! Everybody! Not only the freshmen, but Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and graduate students as well. Let's be there tonight, for only one reason: we wish to see and hear these films at the Technology Alumni Convention last June saw the performance that was one of the most tremendous events that have ever witnessed.

The story concerns the love life of one Carrie, and is particularly worthy of mention—for the matter to

LIBRARY FINES

IN THE last issue of THE TECH there appeared a short news article which stated that those men who borrowed books from the Institute Library and who kept them for longer than the allotted time would be fined. This brief statement may not have had a great deal to the majority of the student body as long as it had a direct interest for a certain small minded minority.

From time to time we have run editorials in this column in which we have pleaded with the students to be punctual in the returning of books borrowed from the Central Library, as well as those borrowed from the Walker Library. There seemed to be no reason for the careless and the book-thieves and the book-keepers in this institution to escape being compelled to return the books at the end of the time limit, and the motion was passed but only to be used as a means of fair play.

Repealing on Monday all those persons who retain books beyond a two-week period will be fined two cents a day for each volume. There has been some criticism of this ruling in the past, but we think the measure is a necessary one. The books in the Central Library are, for the most part, for the use of the whole student body. In certain courses the student must need the book immediately, and it is possible that any books of this nature are not allowed to be removed from the reading room. There seems to be no reason why they should not be removed.

In this case, the first man at the Library has the luck and the responsibility of finding the book when he needs it. If he does not choose to return it promptly the rest suffer from his mistake.

The Institute Library is one of the last college libraries to adopt this method of punishing offenders and the rule has not been well received in any of the radical circles of all sides of the matter. We repeat that we are glad the measure is going into effect but wish, at the same time, to express our hope that frequent enforcement of the rule will not prove necessary.

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DR. WILEY DEFENDS THE SMALL COLLEGE

Large colleges and universities are very poor institutions of learning as compared with the small, however. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, head of America's noted educational institution at Harvard, is a graduate of both institutions and has had some personal experience. He continues to state, "There is a serious threat which is more dangerous in large crowds than in small companies. It is the danger of Bohemianism and Atticism. Another disadvantage of the large college is, that a greater personal contact with the teacher is found in a smaller college and the influence of a man of action and scholarship is more nearly present. He concludes his article with the following rather ominous statement: 'The safety of the future is a problem of learning. The efficiency of teaching is all in all the essence of higher education.'

Education has been taking rapid strides in the last few years and many novel systems of instruction have been suggested. Probably the most thoroughly tested and the most recently been put into actual use is the University of Wisconsin. About 120 freshmen have enrolled this fall, all of whom will take the same course in study. There are no separate subjects, designated as such, at the school, but all academic studies are treated there separately. The student, in stead of studying economics, sociology and the like, concentrates his efforts on a chronologically ordered review of the most serviceable conditions of the beginning of civilized life to the present day. The system enables the student to proceed at his own rate of advancement. He is thus enabled to proceed at the pace of all cultural study an essay which must be arranged before application possible.